**Literacy in Gujarat**

2550. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PAR MAR: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a distinct growth of literacy in the country particularly in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof both in rural and urban areas separately and the target fixed and achievements made; year-wise;

(c) the amount of the Central assistance made to the State of Gujarat for the last three years;

(d) whether the funds are fully utilised every year; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Data for the last three years are not available as statistics of literacy are collected only in the census operations which are conducted every 10 years. The details of literacy rate for the country and for Gujarat as per 1981 and 1991 census are as follows:—

| | 1981 | |
|---|---|---|
| | Rural | Urban |
| All India | 36.09% | 67.34% |
| Gujarat | 43.57% | 7] .00% |
| | 1991 | |
| | Rural | Urban |
| All India | 44.54% | 73.01% |
| | 53.09% | 76.54% |

No year-wise targets are fixed. During the last three years 17 Total Literacy Campaigns and four Post Literacy Campaigns have been launched in Gujarat and 205 Total Literacy Campaigns and 61 Post Literacy Campaigns in the country.

(c) to (e) The amount of Central assistance released to the State of Gujarat for Adult Education Programmes is as follows:—

| Year | Amount of Central Assistance (in Rupees) |
|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 4.15.32,240 |
| 1992-93 | 6,59,44,251 |
| 1993-94 | 10,79,69,808 |

Grants released in a financial year can be utilised during the project period which may extend to more than a year. Final audited accounts and utilisation certificates are submitted on the completion of the project In addition to the above. Central assistance is also provided for universalisation of Elementary Education and Non-formal Education Programmes which also form part of the strategy for eradication of illiteracy.

**बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम में संशोधन**

2551. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम में व्यापक संशोधन करने और इस संबंध में संस्तुति करने के लिए किसी समिति का गठन किया गया था और क्या उक्त समिति ने सरकार को अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समिति ने क्या-क्या सिफारिशें की हैं; और

(ग) सरकार उक्त अधिनियम में संशोधन करने के लिए कब तक कोई विधेयक लाने का विचार रखती है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सैलजा): (क) और (ख) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम, 1915 के संशोधन प्रस्तावों को अन्तिम रूप देने के लिए एक समिति गठित की गई है। समिति ने अभी तक अपनी अन्तिम रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत नहीं की है।

(ग) समिति की अन्तिम सिफारिशें प्राप्त होने पर अधिनियम को संशोधित करने के सम्बन्ध में आगे की कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

**Inadequate grants given to Madhya Pradesh Universities**

2552. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teaching and research activities have been adversely affected in universities of the States and particularly in Madhya Pradesh due to inadequate grants provided to them by UGC during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons for providing such inadeqaute grants;